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IMPORTATION OF REPTILES INTO HAWAII.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE;
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D. C., May 22, 1902.

Under the provisions of section 1 of the act of Congress approved May 25, 1900, entitled "An act to enlarge the powers of the Department of Agriculture, prohibit the transportation by interstate commerce of game killed in violation of local laws, and for other purposes," the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to regulate the introduction of birds and animals in localities where they have not heretofore existed, and to make and publish all needful rules and regulations for carrying out the purposes of the act.

In accordance with the authority thus conferred, and for the purpose of preventing the introduction of noxious reptiles into the Territory of Hawaii, the order issued under date of September 13, 1900, extending the list of foreign animals and birds which may be imported without permits (Circular No. 30, Biological Survey) is hereby amended, so that on and after July 1, 1902, and until further notice, permits will be required for the entry of reptiles at all ports of the Hawaiian Islands. Such permits will be issued by the special inspector of this Department in Honolulu in the same form and subject to the same regulations as those now issued for mammals and birds. *But no permits will be issued for the entry of poisonous snakes of any kind.* All applications for permits to import reptiles into Hawaii should be addressed to the Special Inspector of Foreign Animals and Birds, Bishop Museum, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Under the regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, under date of June 28, 1900 (Circular No. 101, Division of Customs), persons who have not already secured permits will be allowed a reasonable time in which to secure them after the arrival of the shipment at the port of entry. In case the application for entry is not granted, or the required permit is not obtained in due time, the reptiles will be immediately exported or destroyed at the expense of the owner or agent.

James Wilson

Secretary.

